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Viewing cable 06MOSCOW7863, GEORGIA-RUSSIA: PUTIN-SAAKASHVILI MEETING OFF, LEAVING LITTLE CLARITY AND MUCH SUSPICION

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Summary

[¶1.](#) (C) Georgian President Saakashvili will not meet President Putin in Moscow at the July 21-22 informal CIS Summit. Both sides agreed to announce the meeting. End Summary.

Off to the Races: The Races Are Off

[¶2.](#) (C) Several CIS heads of state canceled their visits to Moscow July 21 for horse races hosted by President Putin the following day. It became clear that the cancellation was not a surprise.

[¶3.](#) (C) Popov and Chubinishvili, while not upbeat, were convinced that the cancellation would not have serious effects. Chubinishvili told us that the cancellation was not a surprise.

[¶4.](#) (C) Both Chubinishvili and Popov questioned what might have come out of a Saakashvili-Putin meeting. Chubinishvili feared that when Saakashvili met Putin, he would be asked to comment on the future of Russian thinking on the future of Georgia.

[¶5.](#) (C) We suggested to Popov that the resolution might have been designed to get Russia to engage in serious negotiations, and that it was the only way to resolve the current tensions.

[¶6.](#) (C) We explored with Popov whether Russia was opposed to any changes that might allow a resolution of the current tensions over peacekeeping in Georgia.

Rumors of War

[¶7.](#) (S) We have been impressed with the unanimity with which Russians of all stripes -- in and out of government, and of varying politics -- believe that the current tensions in Georgia are a result of Russian actions.

[¶8.](#) (S) Popov was convinced that neither the Russians nor the South Ossetians would start fighting. Popov said that the Russians were unhappy with the current situation in Georgia.

[¶9.](#) (S) Chubinishvili also told us July 18 that he thought there would be no war. He revealed that Saakashvili, when in Moscow in June, had feared that the current tensions in Georgia were a result of Russian actions.

[¶10.](#) (C) Popov remained suspicious of Georgian intentions, however, and especially of DefMin Okruashvili, whose goons had detained him and Russian peacekeepers in South Ossetia.

Comment

[¶11.](#) (S) While Popov's remarks about Kokoity conveniently support the case for keeping Russian peacekeepers in South Ossetia, we believe he is more concerned with the current tensions in Georgia.

[¶12.](#) (C) The Russians will probably view the replacement of Khaindrava by Antadze as a mixed bag. They will be pleased that the new negotiator is a Russian. BURNS